GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:6
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POWER GENERATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item titled `Bijli ke Lakshya Hassil Nahin, Jimma kaun Le` published in the Hindi daily Jansatta on June 4, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the working of the Central Public Sector Undertakings concerned in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 6 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 10.08.2007 REGARDING POWER GENERATION.

(a) & (b) : A capacity addition target of 41110 MW was set for the 10th Plan. Against this, a capacity addition of 21180 MW was achieved.

The news item under reference mainly highlights the issue of slippages of capacity mainly on account of delay in critical supplies.

The main reasons for shortfall in achieving the 10th Plan capacity addition targets inter-alia also include:-
(i) The plan originally envisaged introduction of super critical thermal power projects in the country. However, these projects could not be taken up due to delay in technology tie up.
(ii) A number of hydro projects slipped mainly due to delay in clearances, investment decisions, award of works, geological surprises etc.
(iii) Delay in obtaining financial closure in respect of some of the projects.
(iv) Delay in commissioning due to non availability of adequate gas.

(c) & (d) : To avoid the slippages of the 11th Plan targets, quarterly progress review with the generating public sector units are being carried out. Out of the total capacity of 39865 MW envisaged for the Central Sector during the course of the 11th Plan, projects aggregating 785 MW have already been commissioned and another over 27300 MW are under execution. Central Public Sector Undertakings are taking steps to complete the ordering process well in time.

The Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) is the major manufacturer of plant and equipments. Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises is regularly reviewing the working of BHEL. In order to meet the 11th Plan targets, BHEL is augmenting its capacity to 10,000 MW by December, 2007 and further to 15,000 MW by December, 2009.